

DEPARTMENTAL PROCUREMENT POLICY INSTRUCTION NO 33/2009

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UPDATED PROCUREMENT POLICY REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS CONTAINING ASBESTOS

Purpose

1. The purpose of this *Departmental Procurement Policy Instruction* (DPPI) is to provide guidance for Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) procurement staff on the disposal of Defence assets containing asbestos and to update the procurement policy contained in the *Defence Procurement Policy Manual* (DPPM), chapter 5.10.
2. These changes take effect immediately and this DPPI will remain effective until cancelled. The *DPPM* should be read in conjunction with this DPPI until it is cancelled.

Background

3. The *DPPM* is the primary procurement policy document for both Defence and the DMO. Chapter 5.10 provides guidance on the disposal of Defence assets. This DPPI provides further clarification regarding these requirements.
4. Defence has obtained legal advice that it has the capacity to legally dispose of assets and inventory items containing asbestos by gift, sale, or other means.
5. Whilst Defence may legally have the capacity, the potential to adversely impact the health of future users of these items and the resultant impact on Defence is significant. Accordingly Vice Chief of the Defence Force has determined that assets and inventories that contain asbestos should only be disposed of by gift or sale if the asbestos contained within the item cannot be accessed by future users of the item.

Changes to Defence Procurement Policy Manual, chapter 5.10

6. This DPPI updates *DPPM* 01 October 2009 edition, chapter 5.10, paragraph 14 by adding the following new dot point:
 - Assets and inventory items that contain asbestos should only be disposed of by gift or sale if the asbestos contained within the item cannot be accessed by future users of the item, and as such does not pose a health risk to those future users. The Defence Disposals Agency should be advised of any asset or inventory item to be disposed of that contains asbestos, including whether or not the asbestos could be accessed by future users.
7. These changes will subsequently be incorporated into an update of *DPPM*, chapter 5.10.

Further queries

8. Any questions regarding these amendments to procurement policy should be referred to the Defence Disposal Agency Help Desk on (02) 9393 2914.



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